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APPLICATION OF

SOUTHSIDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

CASE NO. PUE000750

For a general rate increase and for approval of a special rate and contract

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

May 1, 2001

By its Order for Notice and Hearing dated March 19, 2001, the Commission docketed the captioned proceeding, scheduled a public hearing for July 11, 2001, established a procedural schedule for the filing of prepared testimony and exhibits, directed Southside Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Southside") to provide public notice of the hearing, and assigned a hearing examiner to coduct further proceedings in this matter.

On April 27, 2001, Southside, by counsel, moved to reschedule the hearing to July 12, 2001. On April 30, 2001, Staff filed a Motion for Extension to File Testimony in which it requests that the time for filing Staff testimony be extended from June 1, 2001, to June 13, 2001. Staff further requests that the date for Protestant Colonial Pipeline Company to file its testimony be extended from May 15, 2001, to May 25, 2001, and the date for Southside to file its rebuttal testimony be extended from June 25, 2001, to July 2, 2001. Counsel for Staff represents that counsel for Southside and for the Protestant support Staff's motion.

I am of the opinion, and so find, that Southside's motion to reschedule the hearing and Staff's motion for an extension of time should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED:

- (1) That the hearing currently scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on July 11, 2001, in the Commission's second floor courtroom shall be retained for the purpose of receiving comments from any public witnesses;
- (2) That the evidentiary hearing shall commence at 10:00 a.m. on July 12, 2001, in the Commission's second floor courtroom;
 - (3) That Staff shall file its testimony on or before June 13, 2001;
- (4) That Protestant Colonial Pipeline Company shall file its testimony on or before May 25, 2001; and

Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.
Hearing Examiner